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MEMORANDUM

TO: All ISD and District Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director
Office of School Improvement

RE: McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
2005-2006 Local Homeless Education Liaison

DATE: September 22, 2005

Federal law under Title I and Title X, the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, ensures the educational rights and protections for children and youth experiencing homelessness. These children and youth are automatically eligible to receive Title I services, by virtue of their homelessness.

Each State receiving funds under Title I, Part A, shall submit a plan to the Secretary of Education that includes the provisions of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. One of those provisions is that a local education agency (LEA) may receive funding under Title I, Part A, **only** if the LEA has a plan that ensures Title I services to homeless children and youth.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act requires that all local education agencies have a designated appropriate staff person and a local education liaison for homeless children and youth. This person may also be the coordinator for other federal programs. This assurance guarantees that a homeless student will have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in school.

Below are steps to enter your district's homeless liaison information online. Please enter this information by **Friday, October 28, 2005**. Questions regarding this process can be directed to Mike McGraw at 517-241-1162 or emailed to mcgrawm@michigan.gov.

1. In your internet browser, go to **www.michigan.gov/osi**.
2. Under *Academic Support Unit*, click on ***Education of Homeless Children and Youth***.
3. Under *What's New*, click on ***Enter Local Homeless Education Liaison***.
4. Choose your ISD or District from the drop down box (in order by district code).
Hint: Press the first number of your district code to get to your district faster.
5. Enter the homeless liaison information and then click on ***Submit***.

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